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The Secretary presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and wishes to bring to their attention additional measures aimed at further combating the spread of COVID-19.

On April 30, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr., signed the *Proclamation on the Suspension of Entry as Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting Coronavirus Disease 2019* after the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention has determined that the Republic of India is experiencing widespread, ongoing person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. CDC has concluded that continued and further measures are required to protect the public health from travelers entering the United States from the Republic of India. This proclamation can be found at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/04/30/a-proclamation-on-the-suspension-of-entry-as-nonimmigrants-of-certain-additional-persons-who-pose-a-risk-of-transmitting-coronavirus-disease-2019/> .

The entry into the United States, as immigrants or non-immigrants, of non-citizens who were physically present within the Republic of India during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States is

suspended and limited, subject to certain exemptions described in section 2 of the proclamation. The proclamation will go into effect at 12:01 am eastern daylight time on May 4, 2021.

Section 2 of the Proclamation lists certain groups which are exempted from the suspension of and limitation on entry. Notably, the entry suspension is not applicable to individuals seeking entry into or who are transiting the United States on A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3 (as a foreign government official or immediate family member of an official), E-1 (as an employee of TECRO or TECO or the employee's immediate family members), G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO-1 through NATO-4, or NATO-6 (or seeking to enter as a nonimmigrant in one of those NATO categories) visas, or those whose travel falls within the scope of section 11 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement.

Proclamations 9984, 9992, and 10143, *Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus and Other Appropriate Measures to Address This Risk*, issued on January 31, 2020, *Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting Coronavirus*, issued February 29, 2020, and *Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Non-Immigrants* are still in effect.

Inquiries concerning this and other matters related to COVID-19 may continue to be transmitted by electronic mail to OFM-EmergencyMGT@state.gov.

Past circular diplomatic notes and notices released by the Office of Foreign

Missions related to COVID-19 may be found at

<https://www.state.gov/office-of-foreign-missions-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.

Department of State,

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